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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTE DATED JANUARY 31, 1975 WHICH EMBASSY RECEIVED FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY FEBRUARY 12. IT IS IN RESPONSE TO OUR NOTE OF DECEMBER 11, 1974, BASED ON INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL.

QTE THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS
TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOR
WITH REFERENCE TO THE LATTER'S NOTE OF DECEMBER 11, 1974,
CONCERNING A PORPOSAL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO
AMEND THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ON TRAVEL GROUP CHARTERS
(TGC'S) AND ADVANCE BOOKING CHARTERS (ABC'S) BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE NETHERLANDS OF
JULY 11, 1973, TO INFORM THE EMBASSY AS FOLLOWS.
WITH REGARD TO THE INCLUSION OF THE 60DAYS RULE IN THE TGC

AND ABC RULES OF BOTH COUNTRIES THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO BE OF THE OPINION ALREADY CONVEYED BY THE NETHERLANDS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ON SEPTEMBER 9, 1974 THAT THE ADOPTION OF SAID RULE PER SE DOES NOT REQUIRE A FORMAL AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

THE POSSIBILITY TO ADOPT SUCH MODIFICATIONS WITHOUT THE NEED TO AMEND THE MEMORANDUM FOLLOWS FROM THE TEXT OF THE MEMORANDUM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ITSELF, AS LONG AS THESE MODIFICATIONS ARE COMPATIBLE WITH

THE ADVANCE BOOKING CHARTER CONCEPT IN THE TRANSATLANTIC CONNOTATION OF THE TERM. ON THIS POINT THEREFORE, ALTHOUGH NO OPPOSED TO AN EXCHANGE OF NOTES, THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT DOES NOT SEE ANY NEED FOR IT. ACCORDING TO THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT SUCH EXCHANGE OF NOTES WOULD MERELY BE A CONFIRMATION OF THE RELEVANT MOFICIATION OF THE TGC AND ABC RULES OF BOTH COUNTRIES INSTEAD OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM.

THE SAME APPLIES TO THE OTHER MOFICIATIONS OF THE TGC RULES RECENTLY ADOPTED BY THE CIVIAL AERONATUCIS BOARD, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE 15 PERCENT SUBSTITUTION STANDARD. WITH RESPECT TO THIS SUBSTITUION STANDARD, REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE NETHERLANDS AID MEMOIRE OF JULY 31, 1974, PRESENTED TO THE US EMBASSY IN THE HAGUE. THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT REGRETS THE ADOPTION OF SAID SUBSTITUTION FACILITY BY THE CIVIL AERONATUCIS BOARD, IN PARTICULAR BECAUSE IT IS IN CONFLICT WITH THE VERY ESSENCE OF THE ADVANCE BOOKING CONCEPT AND REPRESENTS A DIRECT THREAT TO SCHEDULED SERVICES. FOLLOWING AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT WITH OTHER ECAC MEMBER STATES THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT IS. HOWEVER, PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE 15 PERCENT SUBSTITUTION STANDARD FOR US ORIGINATING TGC FLIGHTS ON AN EXPERIMENTAL BASIS FOR 1975. ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE US GOVERNMENT IN THE COURSE OF THE PRESENT YEAR WILL FURNISH DATA TO THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT INDICATING TO WHAT EXTENT THIS FACILITY IS USED ON TGC FLIGHTS OPERATED PURSUANT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE FACT THAT THE

IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE FACT THAT THE PRESENT MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 1975, THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO REFRAIN AT THIS STAGE FROM FORMALLY AMENDING THE MEMORANDUM AND TO REEXAMINE THIS MATTER WHEN THE SITUATION FOR THE PERIOD AFTER DECEMBER 31, 1975 WILL BE CONSIDERED. UNQTE.

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